MARCENT DAILY UPDATE 6 JUL 05

OPERATIONAL SUMMARY

Significant Events

- At 051045Z Jul 05, 4th AAV Bn in the city of Hit was attacked by a VBIED resulting in 5 X FWIA
- At 051027Z Jul 05, K 3/25 at Firm Base 2 in the city of Hit was attacked by a SVBIED resulting in 5 X FWIA

Significant Messages

- COMUSMARCENT C4 Commercialization Program of Objectives and Milestones. (051927Z Jul 05)
- COMUSMARCENT FRAGO 01 to Operations Order (05-001) O F 04-06.2. (051803Z Jul 05)
- II MEF Fwd Request For Replacement Of Woodland OTV Requests sourcing for the deficient quanity be coordinated with LOGCOM/MCSC (060819z Jul 05)
- II MEF Fwd Request For Forces 26 In Support Of Operation Iraqi Freedom.
 Requests 1 X Engineer Bn (Combat) (Heavy) to Ramadi with an EAD/LAD of 1/5 Dec 05. (050751Z Jul 05)
- II MEF Fwd Request For Forces 25 ISO OIF Requests 1 X Engineer Bn (Combat) (Mech) to Ramadi with an EAD/LAD of 1/5 Dec 05. (050748Z Jul 05)
- 26 MEU Shore Based Support Equipment Request ISO Infinite Moonlight. Request listed gear be available at King Faisel Air Base, Jordan with a RDD of 10 Aug 05. (011100Z Jul 05)

General Officers

- CDRUSCENTCOM Gen Abizaid: Tampa
- COMUSMARCENT LtGen Gregson: Tampa
- CG II MEF (Fwd) MajGen Johnson: Iraq
- DCG MARCENT BGen Jackson: Tampa

Current

6-7 Jul: CG I MEF MARCENT Staff Brief, MacDill AFB

Upcoming Events

- 8-12 Jul: OIF/OEF 06-08 Rotation Sourcing Resubmission Conference, CFH Qatar
- 14-16 Jul: CENTCOM C-IED Operational to Tactical Conference, CFH Qatar
- 18-20 Jul: CENTCOM Service Components Command Chaplain Training Conference, MacDill AFB
- 9-11 Aug: CENTCOM Coalition C4I Interoperability Conference, MacDill AFB
- 16-25 Aug: MARCENT OIF 05-07.1 TPFDD Refinement Conference, CAMPEN, CA
- 2-8 Oct: CFLCC OIF 04-06/05-07 Transition Planning Conference, Arifjan, KU
- 28-30 Nov: CENTCOM FY05 Annual Exercise Scheduling Conference, MacDill AFB
- 5-11 Jan 06: CFLCC OIF 04-06/05-07 Transition Planning Conference, Arifjan, KU

MARCENT ORGANIZATION / UNIT SUMMARIES

OIF

II MEF (FWD) (Camp Fallujah, Iraq)

- Operation SAIF HARAS/GUARDIAN SWORD continues through 15 Aug
- AO Denver
 - Haditha- Hit: RCT-2 concluded Op SAIF / SWORD. 3/25 conducted SVCPs along the MSRs and ASRs in the AO. Conducted COIN ops, counter-IDF patrols, ambush patrols, and security patrols IVO Camp Hit and Haditha Dam. Attacked with SVBIED on the north wall of Firm Base 2 in S Central Hit: (2) FWIA, (1) EKIA (SVBIED driver). Just prior to the SVBIED (1) suspicious MAM was noticed observing the FOB and talking on a cell phone. After the SVBIED detonated the MAM fled and was engaged with 5.56: (1) EKIA. Approximately 15 minutes later, 4th AAVs was attacked with another VBIED IVO traffic circle 2: (5) FWIA. No Iraqis or vehicular traffic were reported on the streets prior to detonation.
 - Ar Rutbah: 2d LAR Bn (-) conducted change of command. Continued patrols and C & S's in Ar Rutbah and conducted ambush/security patrols along MSRs. K 3/10 continued enduring tasks at POE Waleed and Trebil.

AO Topeka

- Ramadi: 1/5 continued to operate ECPs 1 and 2, conduct patrols in West Ramadi, and maintain OPs and security at the Government Center and Provincial Council building. 1/5 and TF Ironhawk conducted route clearance in Central Ramadi resulting in (3) IEDs discovered and (2) IED attacks: (5) FWIA. 1/5 completed removal of Strongpoint 1. Attacked with IDF in N Ramadi: 2-17 FA and 81mm mortars counter-fired with a radar acquisition time to first shot of 1:34. 1/5 and 2-1/7 IA discovered an IED in S Ramadi after being tipped off by a local. As EOD and security were departing a second IED detonated 15m S of the first. No casualties or damage. 1-503 IN continued to occupy BP 4, ECP 5, ECP 7, and Strongpoint 3 with 3-2/1 IA. Engaged (3) MAMs in Central Ramadi during sniper ops: (3) EKIA. These individuals exited a taxi and began to unload (2) 155mm rounds and IED material. Conducted raids with 1-1/1 IA to seize objectives in E Ramadi IOT disrupt enemy cells. Attacked with 82mm mortar IDF on Camp Commando. 2-17 FA and 81mm mortars counter-fired with a radar acquisition time to first shot of 1:29. Attacked with IDF SE of Camp Habbaniyah. 2-17 FA counterfired with a radar acquisition to first shot time of 1:51.
- Khalidiyah- Habbaniyah: 1-9 IN conducted patrols in Tammin to gather information on insurgent activities. Continued to outpost MSRs in zone IOT ensure MNF freedom of movement. 1-506 IN continued to conduct security/IO patrols, area denial missions, and maintained security along ASR Michigan and at ASP 102. C/44 EN and 3-2/1 IA conducted a C & S of auto garages in Khalidiyah. A 2-72 AR attacked with RPG while conducting security on ASR Michigan NW of Camp Habbaniyah.

AO Raleigh

- RCT-8 continued integrated patrols and screens inside and outside of Fallujah. Continued COIN ops in the AO. Significant events include: (1) SVBIED attack, (2) IED attacks, (2) IEDs discovered, (5) EOF, (2) weapons caches discovered, (1) EKIA, and (15) suspected insurgents detained.
- Fallujah: 1/6 continued combined presence and security patrols, COIN, and offensive ops with 1-2/1 IA and 2-2/1 IA. Continued outposts on MSR and ASRs in zone IOT deny enemy and ensure MNF freedom of maneuver. 1/6, 2-2/1 IA and 2/1 POB continued to conduct ECP operations. 1/6 conducted an intel-driven C & S in the Jolan District detaining (9) MAMs. Detained (1) MAM at ECP-2 for suspicious activity. At the train station, 1/6 IA training cadre continued to teach the IA Combat Leader's Course. 3/4 continued to screen Iragi civilians, government officials, and contractors entering the city at ECP 1, ECP 5 and ECP 6. Continued combined security patrols with 2-4/1 IA IOT disrupt the enemy, find caches, and deny enemy sanctuary in zone. Discovered a buried cache S of Camp Fallujah during sweep near a historical POO site. Detained MNF-W HVI 4 (b) (6)), during a scheduled meeting SW of Fallujah. 3-4/1 IA attacked with SVBIED during mounted patrol in Fallujah: (1) EKIA, (1) CKIA, (2) FWIA (IA). 2/7 ADVON and 3/4 continued RIP preparations and account turnover.
- Karmah- Zaidon: 3d Recon Bn conducted area targeting, counter-IED operations, and weapons cache sweeps in N Central Zaidon. 3/8 conducted COIN operations in zone and continued to provide security for Camp Delta and the Karmah Bridges. Provided security for OP-4 ISO of ops in Karmah. Continued combined ops IVO Karmah, Camp India, and Nassir Wa Salem. Attacked with IED N of Camp India during mounted patrol with AAVs: (5) FWIA. Responded to IED attack on an India Co ING mounted patrol NW of Nassir Wa Salem: (2) FWIA (ING). 3/8 with IA elements detained (3) MAMs for suspicious activity while conducting a SVCP on ASR Michigan in W Nassir Wa Salem. 3/8 had an EOF N of Karmah while conducting a logistics convoy. A vehicle approached the convoy at a high rate of speed and failed to stop as proper EOF procedures were followed. Marines fired (2) 5.56mm rounds at the vehicle: (1) CWIA. Continued security for ASR Michigan and MSR Mobile.

AO Biloxi

- Musayyib: 1-155th IN ICW 2-4/6 IA conducted training and patrols in zone. Completed Phase III ISO Op AL AZIL AL SITRATEEGI/ STRATEGIC SEPARATION. Searched 9 target houses: IA detained (2) MAMs and found (1) UXO. Conducted a C & K at a targets home: detained (2) MAMs and captured (1) cache containing grenades, mortar fuses, and det cord.
- Iskandariyah: 2/11 ACR ICW 2-4/6 IA conducted training and patrols in zone.
 In the first IDF attack in over a month, AIF attacked FOB Kalsu with (5) 82MM rounds; no CF injuries or damage reported. A patrol sent to investigate the POO found nothing significant to report.
- Karbala: 2-114th FA ICW 1-2/8 IA conducted training and patrols in zone. IA took over the TCP set up on Rte Cleveland by the ASP. A suspicious van was observed outside of ASP Blackknight, and warned to leave; PAX fled on foot after EOF procedures began. IP's detained the (4) MAMs for suspicion of

illegal activities. EOD found (2) containers that contained an unknown gas in the van. EOD conducted a controlled detonation of the containers.

Najaf: 1-198th AR ICW 2-1/8 IA conducted training and patrols in zone.

4th ANGLICO Det E (Camp Echo, Ad Diwaniyah, Iraq)

Continuing support and coordinate operations ISO MND-CS

MSF Baghdad (Baghdad, Iraq)

- Rotate Sep 05
- Conducted VECP ops at (3) designated entry points, mobile and roving patrols, RAMs and manned (2) traffic control points within the AOR

ICE MTT (Camp Fallujah, Iraq)

- ICE teams forward deployed to FOB Camp Ar Ramadi, FOB Taqaddum, FOB Al Asad, and FOB Kalsu.
- MTT assigned to FOB Camp Fallujah has been instructing units and conducting installations

Military Transition Teams (MiTT) (Iraq)

- Current laydown:
 - 1st Div MiTT Taji
 - o 3d Bn, 1st Bde Ar Rustimayah
 - 2nd Bde MiTT Fallujah
 - o 2d Bn, 2nd Bde Fallujah
 - 3d Bn, 2nd Bde Habbaniyah
 - 3d Bde MiTT Mosul
 - 1st Bn, 3d Bde Mosul
 - o 2d Bn, 3d Bde Mosul

Special Police Transition Teams (SPTT) (Iraq)

- Teams located at Falluiah
- Supporting Public Order Battalion transition

Border Transition Teams (BTT) (Tadji, Iraq)

 10 X BTTs at Phoenix Academy, Taji, IZ completed IZ transition team specific training and are preparing for movement to Camp Victory

VMAQ-4 (Al Asad, Iraq)

- Scheduled TOA on 20 Jul with VMAQ-1
- Sorties flown 5 Jul: 2

26TH MEU SOC (Embarked/Camp Bucca)

- Conducting USMTM training in KSA
- TF Fox augmenting operations at Camp Bucca
- Providing excess AV-8B sorties to CFACC
- Conducting Operation Sea Horse ISO MND-SE

MCE – Kuwait (Camp Arifjan, Kuwait)

 E-SAPI: First shipment (3,562 sets) of phase I of E-SAPI (13,496 sets) have arrived in TQ

MARCENT CI Det Kuwait (Camp Doha, Kuwait)

Conducted host-nation liaison

Patient Admin Teams (Landstuhl, Germany)

Landstuhl Patient Count: 14 Non-hostile (NH), 4 Hostile (H)

Kuwait: 10 NH, 0 H

<u>OEF</u>

2/3 (Asadabad, Afghanistan)

- H&S Co: Conducted day/night patrols north of JAF IOT secure the area to prevent enemy from using the village for attacks against JAF.
- Echo Co: What appears to be PFC Joyce's remains were recovered by OGA, positive ID pending.
- Fox Co: At 1150 local, Fox Light Weapons with Fox 6 took ineffective small arms fire while operating in Dawlet Shaw District Laghman Province. Continued FOB guard mission.
- Golf Co: Conducted Operation RED WINGS II in Pech District, Kunar Province IOT disrupt ACM activity in Pech River Valley.
- Wpns Coestablished VCPS along Jalal Abad and Asadabad Highway IOT deny ACM egress from Koa TAOR.

VMAQ-3 (Bagram, Afghanistan)

- Scheduled TOA on 28 Jul 05 with VAQ-134
- Sorties flown 3 July: 3

USMC ANA Training Det 1 (Pol-E-Charkhi, Afghanistan)

- 1st Co deployed to Jalalabad TACON to AOB 360
- 3rd Co deployed to Sarkani TACON to AOB 360
- Remainder of the Kandak is training at PEC

USMC ANA Training Det 2 (Camp Julian, Afghanistan)

- 1st and 3rd Companies (-) support ODA vic Writse BCP and Lwara FSB. FOO/Pay Team awaiting return transportation from BAF.
- 2nd Company conducted BCP operations and local dismounted patrolling vicinity of Shkin BCP.
- Wpns Company supports ODA ops vic of Bermel Bazaar by conducting counter rocket security patrols.
- HHC in Orgun-e supported ODA 311 on mission to OE for civic ceremony accepting former ACM leader wish to pledge allegiance to GoA.

Camp Lemonier FOS (Djibouti)

Continuing camp operations

HMH-464 (Camp Lemonier, Djibouti)

Sorties flown 5 Jul: 0



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Title:	VBIED ATTK ON 4TH AAVS IN HIT: 5 CF WIA/DAMAGED AAV								
Tracking Number:	MEF LNO-85782769	Report Precedence:	ROUTINE						
Classification:	SECRET	Releasability:	REL TO USA, EGY, FIN, KWT, IRKS, NATO						

Reporting Unit Name: Not Provided Report Source: Coalition

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Unit Name Involved: Not provided Call Sign: Not Reported

Type Of Involved Unit: None Selected Involved Unit Activity: NONE SELECTED

Incident Reported Not Reported Battlespace Lead: Not Reported

Tip Reported By: Not Reported

DTG Of Incident (Zulu Time): 2005-07-05 14:45 DTG Updated (Zulu Time): 2005-07-05 17:00

Location

(S//REL TO USA, EGY, FIN, KWT, I KS, NATO)

MGRS: 38S KC977246 Coords Unknown

AOR: Not Reported Province: Anbar

Region: Not Reported District: Not Reported

Country: IRAQ City: Hit

Village: Not Reported

Events

(S//REL TO USA, EGY, FIN, KWT, IRKS, NATO)

Environment Type: Not Reported

Event Type: Explosive Hazard Modes Of Attack: Vehicle-Borne IED (VBIED)

Event Category: IED Explosion

Primary: Yes

Actions Taken: Not Reported Suicide?: No

How Device Was Found:

Coordinated Attack: No Complex Attack: No Counter Attack: No MEDEVAC Requested:

Associated Organizations

SIGACT Summary

Summary: (S//REL TO USA, EGY, FIN, KWT, IRKS, NATO) AT 1445D WHILE 4TH AAVS MOVED FROM FIRM BASE 1 TO FIRM Page 7 of 8 UNCLASSIFIED

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BASE 2, IN THE CITY OF HIT, A PURPLE SEDAN DETONATED ON THE SECOND AAV OF THE (4) VEHICLE CONVOY WHILE TURNING SE OFF OF MAVERICKS TO FIRM BASE 2 NO MAMS OR VEHICLES REPORTED ON THE STREETS PRIOR TO THE DETONATION THE EXPLOSION RESULTED IN (5) CF WIA: (1) URGENT SURGICAL AND (1) PRIORITY EVACUATED BY AIR QRF GROUND EVACUATED (1) PRIORITY AND (2) ROUTINE CF WIAS TO CAMP HIT MARINES SECURED THE AREA NO ICE SYSTEMS EMPLOYED ON THE AAVS THE MARINES TRANSPORTED THE DAMAGED AAV

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